

Rural Health Association of Utah

Spring Update 2000

Rural Health Association of Utah is organized!

The discontinuation of the Governor's Health Policy Commission leaves a void that the newly organized Rural Health Association of Utah plans to fill. After several months of discussions, private providers, hospitals, area health education centers, care centers, local health departments, community health care centers and others have organized to tackle common issues together as an organized body.

Dennis Moser, director of the Southwest Area Health Education Center, and the first elected president of RHAU reports, "Utah's rural health care providers will now have a unified voice in the unique issues and challenges facing medical care and access in rural and frontier Utah." Other elected officers include President-elect Scott Truman of Cedar City and Secretary Arda Morell of Bicknell. RHAU headquarters are in Cedar City with the Utah Rural Development

Council.

RHAU hopes take over some of the work of Utah's Health Policy Commission. The Commission, eliminated by the 2000 Utah Legislature, was a champion of the needs of rural Utahns and helped meet their health care challenges.

First efforts of the Association include supporting the establishment of a rural kidney dialysis center and improving the quality and acceptability of telehealth technology.

RHAU is supported by the Utah Department of Health. "Now that Utah is formally organized as a state association, we will also be able to benefit from membership in the National Rural Health Association and be eligible

for grants for which we otherwise would not be able to qualify for," said Marilyn Haynes-Brockopp, director of the Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health Systems. Utah is the 20th state to organize a rural health association.

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The mission of RHAU is to provide a unified voice to promote and enhance the quality of rural health through leadership, advocacy, coalition building, education and to effect policy and legislation.

Membership Application

Please complete the following information about yourself or your organization.

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Title:

Organization:

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Home Phone:

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Type of Membership

Please check the appropriate category

☐ **Individual**

\$ 25

☐ **Organization**

\$ 100

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\$ 10

☐ **Corporate Sponsor**

\$ 500

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Please complete the information and mail with your payment to:

Dennis Moser, Chair

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Mark Your Calendars For the Annual Mountain West / Rural Health Association Conference on November 2-3, 2000 in Richfield!